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REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Election Requirement and, by this Response, have amended claims 1, 6 and 12, and added claims 13-20. Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1 and 19 are independent. Claims 2-5 and 7-11 are withdrawn.

In the Election Requirement, the Examiner stated that the application contains four patentably distinct species, namely Species I, Figures 1-3; Species II, Figures 4-7; Species III, Figures 8-11; and Species IV, Figures 12 and 13. The Examiner stated that currently no claims are generic.

Applicants hereby elect Species IV, Figures 12 and 13, without traverse. Claims 1, 6 and 12, as well as new claims 13-20 read on the elected species.

In addition to the foregoing, Applicants have also corrected informalities noted in the specification, and have provided replacement drawing sheets for Figures 10 and 11 to change reference numeral "62" to "64" and add reference numeral 67, respectively.

With this amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants have provided replacement sheets of Figures 10 and 11 in which the second appearance of reference numeral "62" has been corrected to "64" and reference numeral "67" has been added, respectively. Entry thereof is requested.